

REMARKS

Misnumbered Claim 40 has been renumbered as Claim 39.

The objections to the dependency of Claims 25, 28, and 40 [sic, 39] has been addressed.

The rejection of Claims 29, 30, 34, 38 and 39 as being unpatentable over Yamada et al., in view of Toida and of Claims 31-33 and 35-37 as being unpatentable over Yamada et al., in view of Toida and Sakakibara, both under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and following comments.

None of the three cited patents, alone or even in hypothetical combination, teach or suggest the now-claimed combination of elements which isolates the circuit board-containing portion provided in the resin cover from outside air and the torque transmission mechanism by the partition wall. With such an arrangement, moisture in the outside air and contamination (grease, EGR Gas) in the torque transmission mechanism-containing portion is prevented from entering into the circuit board-portion. Thereby, the circuit board as a motor control module and its connecting terminals can be protected from corrosive atmosphere in a manner not contemplated by the prior art. In addition, the motor terminals can be inserted into the outlet of the connector when attaching the resin cover on the side wall of the throttle body. Wiring connection between

the motor and the circuit board can thus be executed simultaneously with attachment of the circuit board-mounted resin cover to the throttle body.

In the Yamada device, a cover is provided for a torque transmission mechanism, but that cover is not provided with the circuit board and the connector claimed herein. Furthermore, the Toida patent shows only a partition wall that separates a circuit board and a torque transmission mechanism. There is no teaching at all that a resin cover containing the circuit board should be provided with a connector for connecting to motor terminals and the outlet of the connector should be provided on the attached side of the cover beyond the partition wall.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

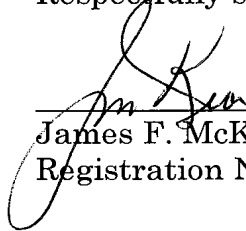
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.50262C1).

Respectfully submitted,

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